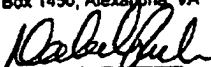


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 19, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office action dated May 19, 2003. A response is due on September 19, 2003, by virtue of the attached fee and petition for a one-month extension of time to respond. No other fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the present paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Amendments to the Specification. There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.